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The Past Century in Prophecy.

Elder Melvin J. Ballard, of the Council of Twelve of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

One hundred and ten years ago, three years after the Prophet Joseph Smith had received his first vision in the sacred grove, he was praying concerning the future of his work. Anxious to have a forgiveness of his sins and to know his standing before the Lord, he received a visit from a prophet of the American hemisphere. This heavenly messenger announced that he was Moroni, who had kept the records of his fathers sacredly guarded for hundreds of years, and that these records were about to come forth, and that a new and marvellous work was about to begin. Among other things he quoted the second chapter of Joel, twenty-eighth to the last verse. The angel said that these words were not yet fulfilled, but soon would be. This, in part, is what he quoted:

And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth.

And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

One hundred and ten years ago Moroni declared that the day was at hand when this prediction of old was about to be fulfilled.

As I stood in the World's Fair this past summer, A Century of Progress, in Chicago, witnessing the marvellous growth that has occurred in the hundred years that have just passed, I could not help but think of this prophecy of Joel.

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In the hall of transportation and communication I saw what was the condition of the world one hundred years ago, so far as their means of communication or travel was concerned, and it had made almost no progress since the days of ancient Egypt. During all these centuries of time men were travelling as they did one hundred years ago. Their means of travel were the canal boat, the ox-cart, the horse and wagon. Their tools were largely the shovels, the scythes, axes, and the flails. It took from May to November, one hundred years ago, to send a letter from one coast of America to the other, and the cost was five dollars. Dirt roads were the only highways. Newspapers were made on hand presses, and only two hundred copies an hour could be printed.

Then the nineteenth century, the new day that the Lord declared one hundred and ten years ago was about to dawn, burst on the world; and what marvels have been wrought! Wonders in the heavens and wonders upon the earth, even as Joel declared. In 1829 came the locomotive; in 1832, the telegraph; in 1833, reaping machinery; in 1830, sewing machines; in 1849, steam engines; in 1852, elevators; in 1856, steel. Then followed internal combustion engines; electric generators, automobiles, airplanes, type-writers, motion pictures, the telephone, the radio, the electric lamp, and a thousand other marvellous inventions.

In 1874 it cost two hundred and fifty dollars to move a ton of freight four hundred miles. In 1896 Barnum and Bailey exhibited for the first time in their circus a horseless carriage. Elwood Haynes was arrested in Chicago for driving the first automobile in that city. There are twenty-five million of them travelling in the United States to-day.

Jane Addams has said: "The decade beginning in 1830 has been described as the beginning day of the emancipation and hope, opening paths of progress in all directions."

Bruce Burton has said: "The heresy of yesterday becomes the orthodoxy of to-day. Truth never stands still. It goes forward, sometimes slowly, sometimes by leaps and bounds; at present it is flying."

I bear witness to you, my brethren and sisters, that the words of the angel of the Lord to Joseph Smith have been fulfilled. Wonders have been wrought upon the earth and in the heavens. The vision of God has been opened to the minds of men. In the laboratory and elsewhere they have dreamed dreams. The secrets of God have been made known to man. It is not because this generation is smarter than those which have preceded it. Some of the greatest of minds that ever appeared in the world came before our century of time; but it was not the hour when these secrets were to be known. I grant you that the Lord has sent into the world in this day choice men who can be used to accomplish these marvellous things, but even their smartness would not have succeeded had it not been the good pleasure of God to unlock and open the windows of heaven and pour His Spirit out upon all flesh. We have made greater progress in the last hundred years than was made in all the ages of time. Surely God has done it.

As I look upon these marvellous advancements and realised that I had lived to see in my own period of time greater progress than all of my fathers have seen in all the ages of time that they have lived upon the earth, I asked myself what I have done to be privileged to live in such a marvellous age, and to see so much, and what is my responsibility, and have not yet reached the end.

Among the marvels that I witness in the earth in addition to these inventions is the hand of God at work establishing His people, even as He predicted in ancient times. The Lord Jesus Christ said concerning Jerusalem:

And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations; and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

All of that has been fulfilled, and Jerusalem has been trodden down. But the time of deliverance had come when General Allenby's army marched up to the land of Palestine and broke the band and the power that had ruled that land for ages. Although the Crusaders had waged war to redeem it, and millions of lives and property had been given to rescue the land, it was not the hour until

this day dawned, and from that day on the hand of God has been over the land and its prosperity is manifest.

I want to present just a few words from a recent visitor, an eminent gentleman who has been over the land of Palestine. He calls attention to the fact that a few years ago an eminent Frenchman, Chateaubriand, visited the land, and called it a land of desolation, where the voice of God was not heard any more, where all was still and quiet, and the end of miracles had come. But, said this visitor:

Chateaubriand was wrong, for a host of miracles had happened even in the short interval of time since my last visit to the Holy Land. Wheat-fields waved me a welcome, where only marsh and barren sand existed on the previous trip. Jerusalem has spread out in brand-new Jewish suburbs. Tiberias has become a Spa. Perfume is borne on the breezes from the new orange groves of Sharon. Here and there, too, the hanging gardens of Solomon's day have been restored. Fresh earth has been dragged up the mountain slopes by Jewish labour battalions. Trees have been planted on the hills. New vineyards have been laid out over the gray, sun-beaten rocks of Samaria. Chateaubriand's "desert" has grown a hundred new schoolhouses; it has "budded, bloomed blossoms, and yielded" transmission stations and farmsteads, a university, and a network of colonies. Surely it is a miracle more wondrous than the budding of Aaron's rod in the wilderness of Paran.

And the Jews are turning their faces towards that land of hope for them. Our hearts have been full of sympathy for this race. They are our half-brothers. God's promises upon them are to be fulfilled. The inspiration that directed the Prophet Joseph to send one of the Apostles of the Church a hundred years ago to bless the land for the return of the Jews, speaks of our affection for them, and the day has come when there is no enmity between Ephraim and Judah, for we are of Ephraim and we love our brothers the Jews. If the hand of oppression seems still reared against them in Germany, and there seems to be no peace for them, we still see the hand of God even in that. For we came west because we had to; it was the place for us, and the Lord has appointed a place for them, and if they do not go willingly they will have to go otherwise, even as we had to do. But they will see the

hand of God opening before them a way and an opportunity to rebuild themselves and to establish a nation.

This is one of the miracles, one of the mighty miracles of this modern age. And then I remember also that the prophet Isaiah declared concerning that other great movement that was to come in this age:—

And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the house of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths.

That miracle has been fulfilled—a part of this century of progress. For up in the tops of these mountains, we have come to fulfil the prophecies of old. And here we are, made up of all nations of the earth, trying to work out the problems of the world and solve them by and through the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In our booth at the Chicago Fair the elders of our Church called the attention of the thousands who paused there to the wonderful Gospel message. That to me is a miracle. Forty years ago, when we sent Brother Brigham H. Roberts to speak for the Church before the Parliament of Religions, he did not get a hearing except in a committee room. But to-day it is different; we stood with equal opportunity to every other Church in the land, with a display that was in many respects far more interesting, and more people paused to listen to our story. "Mormonism" is solving the problems of the day, and I thought as I witnessed these things, how God is moving.

Thank the Lord for our glorious principles. Our fathers were true to them in the day of their trials, they showed their stamina and their worth. If there is enough of the iron that was in them in us we too will stand, though we stand alone, for ideals, for standards, for the accomplishment of great things. God expects it of the Latter-day Saints.

Now what is to the end of all this progress, brethren and sisters? I declare to you it is preparing this world for the coming of the Son of God. He would not come to a world that was in the condition this world was in a hundred years ago. All these marvellous changes had to come. Yes, and many changes will

yet come, for there are many things that will have to take place before the Son of Man shall come. But the people of this world were never more willing to receive Him than they are to-day, because the whole world would like somebody to tell them what to do, someone in whom they have confidence. However, they will want Him worse than they want Him to-day before He comes. There are battles to be fought; yes, and struggles and conflict, war and bloodshed, and famine and pestilence. And nations will be wrecked, and thrones will fall, but out of all of these conflicts will come the victory for truth and righteousness. All things will go forward to prepare this world for its golden age, and its golden age will come, and universal brotherhood will come, and peace will come to men.

God bless the Latter-day Saints through these trials, that we may be patient and true to Him. For I promise you that you will see the work of God go forward. Its new day has come, and God has a great programme for this Church. If the Latter-day Saints will keep their covenants, if they will pay their tithes and their offerings, and keep themselves clean and undefiled from the sins of the world, I promise them, in the name of the Lord, deliverance from all their difficulties, and they shall see the sun arise with healing in its wings for all who have been wounded and hurt.

God help us to be faithful and true, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.—(Sermon delivered at the 104th Semi-annual Conference of the Church, held October, 1933, in the Tabernacle at Salt Lake City, Utah.)

Life, How Spent.

The following is an approximation of the way a man of 70 years of age has spent his life:—

Sleep	23 years.
Work	19 years.
Amusement	9 years.
Religious devotion	1 year.
Eating	6 years.
Travelling	6 years.
Illness	4 years.
Dressing	2 years.

IF YOU DO YOUR PART.

A Tithing Testimony Related by Bishop Nicholas G. Smith.

At the closing of this year (1933) I look back over the months with satisfaction and delight for I realise that the Lord has blessed me. That is just what He promised He would do if I were faithful in playing my part. He has said that He would open the windows of Heaven and pour out blessings upon the tithepayers and He has blessed me.

I have paid my tithing in full for the year now passing and I have a feeling of satisfaction—not because I think of the material gain, for the Lord has not blessed me so much in that direction as He has with a spirit of faith and hope, and courage to face the problems which I have had to face in life.

Paying Tithing.

I have spent about eleven years in the mission field, preaching the Gospel; that is the tithe of over a hundred years of my life that has been devoted out in the active work of the mission field. Since my return home I have spent the major portion of my time in Church work.

The spirit of the good Saints who live in the ward where I preside as bishop has been a strength to me, for they have come in their poverty and handed me their tenth each month with joyful hearts and happy countenances. They, too, have been happy. This year, they have played their part and played it well, hundreds of them—yes, in the neighbourhood of seven hundred of the members of this ward are on the tithing record. They are there because they want to be there, not because their presiding officers have told them they must pay their tithing. They know their responsibility and they are living up to it.

Eleven years in the mission field and eleven years as bishop of a ward has proven to me that there can be no question about the Lord's doing His part with those who are faithful in the performance of this duty. Some, I have seen, grow wealthy, hundreds and hundreds, I have seen, happy and contented because of living up to this principle.

Tells Experience.

I'll never forget an experience down in South Africa. One of the brethren there had a large bakery and had gone into debt more than two thousand pounds. The milling company was carrying him and furnishing him with flour; they had taken over the title to the plant and were paying him a wage as manager of the establishment.

He explained to me that he wanted me to understand that he was giving his parents three pounds a month and giving his wife's parents three pounds a month, and wanted me to know that so I would understand that he was paying as much as a tithe and more and he thought that would be all right.

I said to him, "Brother Martin, that is all right, but don't think you're paying your tithing. Now it isn't any of my business whether you pay your tithing or not, that's your business and the Lord's business. If you do what the Lord has asked of you, the Lord will show you that He means what He says."

His business was running farther behind, but after having had that talk, Brother Martin came to me and gave me a full tenth of the wages they were paying him to manage the bakery. Within three months, his business had picked up to such an extent that he said to me:

"President Smith, will you pray for me that the Lord shall open up the way for me to go to Zion, and I'll pay a tenth of everything that comes into my hands into the Church."

I told him I would pray for him, that that blessing might be his. In the course of a few months, the government came to him and wanted him to bake their flour for the soldiers. Then the largest baking company in the country came to him and wanted to buy his bakery, offering him enough to pay the obligation to the milling company and regain his title and net him a profit of about five thousand pounds. I'll never forget the day that Brother Martin made out his check for tithing of five hundred pounds, a full tenth of the five thousand pounds he had left after he had paid his obligation. The Lord blessed him and brought him to Zion in safety.

Gives Blessing.

Brother Martin has reared his family—his children have good work. He has been sent back to that mission to preside over it and he is now home again. I've talked with him and he has his testimony, just as one of us must have his own testimony with respect to this matter of tithing. One cannot take the other fellow's word for it, but he can find out that the promise is sure.

Tithing is our own responsibility, no one is going to scold us for it if we fail to do our duty. We should take the Lord at His word, that the windows of Heaven will be opened, and pay our tithing. I trust that this new year which we are just facing, will be the grandest year we have ever had in the history of the Church.

I pray that the membership of the Church, recognizing the promise of the Lord to be sure and to be true, will devote their time, their talents, and their means to the spread of this great work which has been established in this day for the peace and blessing of His children.

(Nicholas G. Smith, the writer of this article, was President of the South African Mission from 1914 to 1921.)

It is indeed wicked, you bet, to be blessed by the Lord, and then forget Him almost entirely.—Elva Robinson, Shelly, Idaho.

FRIEND: Do you believe Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God? It is a great comfort to have this knowledge. Read your Book of Mormon and this knowledge will come to you and you will be made far happier than you have ever hoped you could be.—D.

Jesus is the Saviour of the world. Joseph Smith is a true prophet of God. Friend—If you will just take the time to read the Book of Mormon these two great truths will sweetly come to your understanding with absolute certainty. Your life will thenceforth become holier, richer, and more useful to yourself and your friends—D.

Church Educational Programme Attracts Editor's Attention.

Wesley Foundation Bulletin Praises Striking Policy of Mormon Church in Religious Training.

What the Church is doing in its programme of week day religious education, under the Department of Education, is attracting attention, as seen from the following article, in the Wesley Foundation Bulletin, published by the department of Wesley foundations, of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, edited in Chicago by H. D. Bollinger:

For Methodists to Ponder.

"Probably the most significant student centre that the writer has had the privilege of visiting was the Institute of Latter-day Saints affiliated with the University of Idaho, Southern Branch at Pocatello. It is the student religious work of the Mormon Church at the state university.

"The most striking factor which amazes one at the outset is the policy of the Mormon Church. This is a Church that has a definite policy of home training and closely allied work carried on through the grades, high school and university. Credit courses in religion are conducted in the high schools through what are called the seminaries. The Institutes conduct the work at the University. However, the credit courses in religion are only a small part of what is actually done.

Well Rounded Programme

"The Mormon Church believes not only in teaching religion, but it believes in a well-rounded programme of religion that will minister to the total life of the individual. In fact, the Mormon Church believes this so strongly that she is closing her denominational colleges in order to concentrate on the programme of religious education in the high schools and at the state and independent universities.

"The building that houses the programme of religion for the Mormons at Pocatello, costing \$37,500, is one of the most complete and beautiful student

centres anywhere in the country. They recognise that young people love beauty, life, art and colour, and the building "speaks." There are four phases of the building—

1. The fireside, designed with the touch of home in it.
2. The social room. The Mormons believe in controlled social life for their young people.
3. The classroom, where truth is interpreted and taught.
4. The worship room. The entire programme is conducted by the students.

At the heart of the Mormon student centre is the cultured Christian gentleman in charge, Professor J. Wyley Sessions. In addition to the training of his Church, Mr. Sessions has Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Agriculture, a Master of Arts degree in Psychology and Philosophy, has had training in a university in South Africa, and has had graduate work under Goodspeed and Bower at the University of Chicago.

Can Afford To Study.

There are 325 Mormon students in the university at Pocatello. Of these, 145 are registered in Mr. Sessions' week-day religious education courses, and of this number, 115 receive credit for their work in the University.

We, of the Methodist Church, can well afford to make a close study of the position that the Mormon Church takes with references to her students attending the state university. The Mormon Church follows her young people wherever they go, and is willing to pay the price. She sees the necessity of placing beside the tax-supported school the institution of truth, beauty and goodness. The greatest difficulty Mr. Sessions has in his work is to know how to handle the students that over-crowd his beautiful student centre.—December, 1933.

(Professor J. W. Sessions, mentioned in this article, was President of the South African Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 1921 to 1926.)

Samuel Martin.

The following is a letter from President Samuel Martin which speaks his faith and loyalty and love. He is now confined in bed with complications which have resulted from his afflictions. This word has been received recently. President Martin was President of the South African Mission from 1926 to 1929, and he is remembered with much love, by many here. He emigrated to Utah from Cape Town, and at one time was a member of the firm of Humphries & Martin's Bakery, of Woodstock. After reading this letter one may feel happy to know they have this good man as an acquaintance.—D. :

1026. 24th Street,

Ogden, Utah,

28th March, 1933.

Dear President Dalton & Family,

Allow me to express my sincere appreciation of your letter of last week.

I am pleased to learn of the progress being made in the South African Mission. The Lord has greatly blessed your efforts, and we humbly pray for a continuance. I have had many difficulties since my return that if I wrote them, you might be inclined to think that I was complaining of my lot, but it is not really so. I have been blessed abundantly in many ways, even though the things which humankind seems so prone to lean upon have been very badly disturbed.

Soon after our return our noble son-in-law, Doris' husband, passed on, leaving her a sad little widow during 1931. Our bankers became panicky and demanded the impossible, forcing us to default with mortgage, interest and taxes, even though our mortgagee desired to be patient and helpful, which caused them (Mutual Life of New York) to foreclose to protect their mortgage, in which we lost everything. I had, \$35,000.00 interest, but came out with \$7,500.00 indebtedness. Therefore we decided to give our home for the mortgage and, lest the holder should feel dissatisfied, we gave him a Bill of Sale for most of our household furniture.

Work is very difficult to obtain, so I accepted an Insurance contract with The Equitable Life Assurance of New York. This work is not fattening financially for a beginner.

On 7th February, while out doing my ward teaching I slipped on the icy ground, fell and broke my leg, having been confined to hospital and home since that date. My doctor tells me at least four weeks longer before I can have cast off for regular walking.

I had an operation for hernia at the same time while in hospital, and being quite fleshy, it did not make for a very pleasant enforced vacation, but added greatly to my debts.

The enforced Bank holiday was quite drastic, but absolutely necessary for the good of the whole country. It caused quite a consternation with many, and there are quite a number who still feel the uncertainty of income, owing to the continued cutting down of salaries in every phase of employment, from the Government offices to the least of the bread winners.

With all these menacing difficulties, I can very gratefully say I have not suffered an hour of despondency nor have we wanted food to eat. My daily humble prayer is that I may have grace to stand firm while I see the purposes of God unfold, which for some long time have been so apparent and of which I often spoke while in the Mission, and encouraged earnest study of the scriptures, lest the told trials come upon us, while we remained in the fool's paradise instead of being prepared.

My brother Alfred died last June, and in September his wife died also. We took in his daughter, but after a few weeks she decided to get married. Her husband has had nothing to do for the past year, expecting a day now and again on relief work.

Thus Zion is being tried, and I would rather suffer with Zion than have the wealth and be out in the strife of the world.

I am pleased to tell you my family is well and still enjoy their labours in the Church, for which I am very grateful.

Kindly convey our very sincerest love to all the Saints and friends of the South African Mission who may remember or have interest in us, and we humbly pray the Lord to bless them and you with much faith and joy in your callings.

Very Sincerely Yours,

SAMUEL MARTIN AND FAMILY.

A Prophet To-day.

Is there need of a prophet to-day? Is an authorised representative of God, to reveal God's will to the people, necessary in this twentieth century? These are questions which are being asked by many to-day. That many people feel the need of such leadership is shown by the rapid growth of new religious groups and divisions in the established churches. Men are seeking for divine leadership for to-day. Their problems are not entirely solved by the prophets of the past, for times have changed. It is highly significant that not only laymen, but also the religious leaders to-day feel the need of divinely appointed leadership and of God's truth applied in this age. Rev. James A. Sutherland, in the Luton Saturday Telegraph, of 18th November, said in part:

"We all recognise that something has got to be done, for at the moment we are in the plight where "our earthly leaders falter, our people drift and die." We cannot forget that when the blind set out to lead the blind, the chances are that both will find themselves in the ditch . . . A dictator being out of the question, what about a prophet? . . .

"The prophet is never self appointed. It is well to keep that in mind. Nor is he chosen of his fellows. Always he is heaven sent. Yet I am cheered by the thought that he has a knack of appearing at the right time. That being so, I incline to the belief that our prophet must surely be getting ready for us. Let us not forget that; hope and pray as we will for his coming. Men have an old habit of greeting the true prophet with stones. We need not be surprised if an "old-fashioned" welcome awaits the prophet of our day. No one can say whence such a prophet shall come, but of our need of him there is no question."

Reverend Sutherland is not alone in seeing the need of such guidance. Dr. John Scott Lidgett, first president of the Methodist Church, has said:

"It is undoubtedly true that we need a revival of religion . . . But such a revival cannot be man-made. It must be God-given. We must pray for it,

work for it; but the grace that will alone make it possible, must come from God."

Sir Michael Sadler, noted educationalist, has said:

"The youth are eager and hungry—for faith, for worthy work, for a leader whom they can trust and follow without question."

Thus, briefly, according to these men who are religious leaders, there is need of a prophet, divinely commissioner, to meet the needs of the people.

That people recognise the need of divine guidance in this age is another evidence for the truth of "Mormonism." For when a righteous need is universally apparent, that which satisfies it must of necessity be based on truth. This divine guidance, vitally necessary in the religious life of individuals and groups, is found in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Since the Church was organised, under divine commission, there has been a prophet to give new truths, reaffirm old truths, and guide the people in meeting the problems of life.

Joseph Smith, the first prophet of this age, received his authority from Peter, James and John, the last to hold the keys of authority in this dispensation of the meridian of times. Though persecuted as were the prophets of old, the Prophet Joseph Smith and his successors have given and do give the prophetic guidance that men to-day desire and need. The authenticity of their work is attested by the truths they have revealed, by the Church organisation they developed, and by the "fruits" of a hundred odd years of prophetic leadership of the Latter-day Saints.

That provision for prophetic leadership, a need which is acknowledged by many religious leaders to-day, is to be found in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and was, in fact, the "rock" upon which the Church was originally founded, is an evidence of its divine inception.—FRANKLIN S. HARRIS, JR., in the Millennial Star.

We should always remember that the humblest may trod in the path the holiest have trodden.

—Rachael S. Larsen, Danish Mission.

Honourably Released.



Elder John C. Dalton.



Elder Richard Knight.

Elders John C. Dalton and Richard Knight arrived in the South African Mission, 31st August, 1931, and both were honourably released from active missionary duty to the people of South Africa, as they sailed from Beira, Portuguese East Africa, 11th February, 1934. Thus they spent nearly two and one half years faithfully serving the people of this land as specially appointed servants of the Master to preach His Gospel to this nation and the kindred and tongues contained herein.

They will go first to Egypt and the Holy Land and thence to India, China, Japan and to Hawaii; where Elder Dalton expects to meet his parents, and from there they will go to their homes in Utah. Thus they will have completed a journey around the world and preached the Gospel to many people and nations. They toured Europe before arriving in this land, and visited the Saints and friends in Rhodesia during January and February before the date of sailing from Beira.

The wonderful trip these young men will have enjoyed is simply one of those

things which comes by reason of a man's willingness to go to any place in the world a Prophet of God may direct that he should go to teach the principles of the restored Gospel. It also indicates that those who are willing to assist a young man to do the will of the Lord, in teaching the plan of salvation, find themselves able to help him accomplish such an achievement through the blessings of the Lord. It is purely an unselfish work, giving to help others, but we find when one earnestly tries to help others he advances himself, however, when he tries to advance himself by not helping others he raises barriers.

It is interesting to know that each of these young men have filled positions of responsibility. Elder Dalton was Mission Secretary for eighteen months and faithfully performed that duty of heavy responsibility. Elder Knight was Mission Secretary for five months and diligently and honestly discharged his duties. He was President of Transvaal District for several months and was chosen from that work to become Mission Secretary.

Elder Dalton was President of the Cape and Transvaal Districts each for five months. They did their work as presiding officers with judgment and faith and many is the time each of them have borne testimonies of the effectiveness of fervent prayer.

Elder Dalton has been a dutiful and trustworthy missionary. He has gone into the thickest of the work and has the ability to perform the work assigned him in a most pleasing manner. His work in the Mission Office was always done and completed with promptness, exactness and neatness. He did not need to be reminded that there was work to be done. He was quick to see it and do it. He is accomplished in musical and entertaining ability and tried to assist where needed in making others enjoy themselves. This good, young man has led a true Mormon boy life and it can well be held up as a pleasant example for any one to follow. No one can truthfully speak of him but in terms of praise and honour. His cheery disposition has gladdened the hearts of many people in South Africa and there are many expressions of sadness by companions, members and many friends because of his departure.

Elder Knight worked mainly in the Transvaal where he made many lasting friends. He has performed his work with diligence and fearlessness and that which should be done was done by him without fear or thought of favour. He was careful to see that right was done. Some of the good things others do not think to do are among the things he is often found doing, and he tries to see that the poor and needy are not neglected. He counted his mission as one of his choicest blessings, and his thankfulness mellowed his heart to such an extent that those with whom he met enjoyed his mission with him. His duties as District President and Mission Secretary were characterised with honesty and self forgetfulness. The authorities of the Church desire that the men that are sent out to preach the restored Gospel be clean and good and honourable, and they made no mistake when a call to this dignified service was given to an exemplary man like Elder Richard Knight.

There was sadness in the hearts of his companions and many friends when he took his departure.

With love for them as they have love for the people of this land, these farewell words are given through Cumorah's Southern Messenger. It represents the feelings of the companions and friends of these two young men and their wholesome wish is that they, with their parents, will live long and be happy to enjoy the spirit of love which they have so abundantly shown for the people of South Africa.—D.

Baptism of Water and the Spirit.

The Gospel requires baptism by immersion for the remission of sins, which is the meaning of the word in the original language—namely, to bury or immerse.

We ask the sects: Do you believe this? They answer: No, I believe in being converted. I believe in this tenaciously. So did the Apostle Peter and the disciples of Jesus. But I further believe in the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands. Evidence by Peter's preaching on the day of Pentecost, Act 2 : 39. You might as well baptize a bag of sand as a man, if not done in view of the remission of sins and getting the Holy Ghost. Baptism by water is but half a baptism, and is good for nothing without the other half—that is, the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Sectarian Baptism.

Many objections are urged against the Latter-day Saints for not admitting the validity of sectarian baptism, and for withholding fellowship from sectarian churches. Yet to do otherwise would be like putting new wine into old bottles, and putting old wine into new bottles. What! new revelations in the old churches? New revelations would knock the bottom out of their bottomless pit.—Joseph Smith, H. of C., Vol. 4, p. 426.

Baseball.

Baseball is fast becoming a very attractive sport in South Africa. It is well understood by the missionaries of America and they have been able to help considerably with its success. On 17th February, at Rosebank Oval, Cape Town, over twelve hundred and fifty people paid £130 to see the Inter-Provincial game between Western Province and Natal, which was won by the former by eleven runs to two. This team was composed of picked men of the Western Province Baseball Association, and was captained by President Don Mack Dalton. Elder Stanford G. Smith, the star pitcher of the Cumorah Baseball Club, was the pitcher for the Province side and his performance was excellent. He was highly praised by the men of the opposing team and received an invitation to go to Durban to pitch for their association. Other members of the team who played were: Charles A. Converse, Vice U.S. Consul Dr. R. C. Robinson, H. Burnham, Elder M. P. Woolley, Percy Elliott, Gerry Brand, E. E. Seeman, L. Blackwell, L. Brustmeyer and Dick Daggett.

A baseball association is being formed at Port Elizabeth. Elders R. B. Jakins and J. M. Bailey helped to institute this sport there, and they have been loyally supported in the initial stages by Brother R. K. F. Doller and sons, and Brother and Sister Stark. It has caught on so well that some of the leading men of that centre are rapidly throwing their weight into the success of the game. It is anticipated that a team composed of Mormon missionaries can soon play Port Elizabeth as they tour the Union to play Durban, Johannesburg and Pretoria. Plans and arrangements are not thoroughly worked out for the proposed matches, but it is almost a certainty.—D.

It is good to have money and the things money can buy, but it is just as good to check up once in a while and make sure that you have not lost the things money cannot buy.

An Answer to Prayer

About 23rd February, 1927, while labouring as a local missionary in Oslo, Norway, I was requested to help two new missionaries with a meeting at the little town of Moss. I was glad of the opportunity, and left the mission home a little before 2 o'clock, intending to shop a little before making the trip. I had the thought in mind that the train left at 2.45 p.m.

I went into one store, but not obtaining what I wanted, I quickly came out and started across the market place, going away from the depot, until I reached a street corner, where I distinctly heard a voice say "2.15," three times. The voice was so plain that I instantly stopped and half turned to look, although I knew no one was close behind me. Then the thought flashed: "The train leaves at 2.15 p.m."

I realised, after a glance at a church clock, that it was already 2.10 p.m. Half running, I made for the depot, praying that I would be able to make it. I knew the Elders would be disappointed if I did not reach Moss; the meeting was advertised—and I was the speaker. But ice and snow impeded my progress so that when I arrived at the station it already was 2.15 p.m.

Handing me my ticket the station agent said: "You'll have to hurry to make it!" And as my feet reached the train step the train started out. Finding a seat I dropped down, thankful to my God for his wonderful help. I had a great desire to bear my testimony concerning this experience to those awaiting me, which I did, later in the day.

Hearing my account, the senior Elder said: "About what time did you hear that voice?" I told him at 2.10 p.m., and he said, "We were having prayer about that time, hoping and asking that you might arrive here safely."

That prayer, I found, was the key to my wonderful experience.

—BORGHILL NIELSEN, Salt Lake City.

Contentment consists not in great wealth, but in few wants.

Destruction of the Wicked.

Passages are numerous in the inspired writings which assert that the wicked shall be destroyed. The prophet Isaiah, speaking of the latter times, says, "Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness. And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the Lord shall be consumed" (1:27, 28).

The Lord further declared through the same prophet, that, because the inhabitants of the earth had defiled it, the curse had devoured it; "And they that dwell therein are desolate" (24:5, 6). "For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity" (26:21).

Many of the sayings concerning the destruction of the wicked are general in their application to all times in which wickedness is prevalent. But there are many passages in the inspired writings which point to the latter times for a general destruction of the ungodly, and the cleansing of the earth from wickedness.

The following from Isaiah are of this character. "For the indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies. * * For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance, and the year of recompense for the controversy of Zion" (34:2-8).

"For by fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many" (66:16).

The Book of Doctrine and Covenants being a record of revelations concerning the dispensation of the fulness of times, it says much concerning the destruction of the wicked, and the redemption of man, and of the earth.

It is evident that the visions of the prophet Joseph were vivid and well defined on this subject, for the Lord said through him, "The hour is nigh, and the day soon at hand when the earth is ripe: and all the proud, and they that do wickedly, shall be as stubble, and I will burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that wickedness shall not be upon the earth" (29:9, 14-21. Sec. 64:24).

The records of the times are a daily testimony of the fulfilment of the following: "And in that day shall be heard of wars and rumours of wars, and the whole earth shall be in commotion, and men's hearts shall fail them" (sec. 45:26). And men shall be standing in that generation in which these things shall appear, "That shall not pass, until they shall see an overflowing scourge; for a desolating sickness shall cover the land" (verse 31).

"Among the wicked, men shall lift up their voices, and curse God and die. And there shall be earthquakes also in divers places, and many desolations; yet men will harden their hearts against me, and they will take up the sword, one against another, and they will kill one another" (verses 32, 34).

The testimony of the elders is the great preparatory work for the destruction of the wicked in this dispensation. Their labours are "To bind up the law and seal up the testimony, and to prepare the saints for the hour of judgment which is to come" (sec. 88:84). And, after their testimony, "cometh wrath and indignation upon the people" (verse 88).

The testimonies that will follow the testimony of the elders are fearful to contemplate: "For after your testimony cometh the testimony of earthquakes, that shall cause groanings in the midst of her (the earth), and men shall fall to the ground, and shall not be able to stand. And also cometh the testimony of the voice of thunderings, and the voice of lightnings, and the voice of tempests, and the voice of the waves of the sea, heaving themselves beyond their bounds. And all things shall be in commotion; and surely men's hearts shall fail them; for fear shall come upon all people" (sec. 88:89-91).

These testimonies are becoming historical facts. The words of the ancient prophets are being fulfilled. That Joseph Smith, Jun., saw and predicted their fulfilment, evidences the divinity of his mission.

When you have recreation, have it so you will not have to spell it
WRECREATION.

The Book of Mormon. What is it ?

The Book of Mormon is the name of a record which was engraved upon plates of gold, about 400 years after the crucifixion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, by a celebrated prophet named Mormon. These plates were deposited by his son, Moroni, in a stone box, in a hill in the western part of the State of New York, called by the Nephites, Cumorah. The language in which this record was made was said by Mormon to be reformed Egyptian. On the 22nd of September, 1823, Moroni discovered the stone box which contained these plates, the Urim and Thummim, a sword and breastplate, to the young Prophet, Joseph Smith, Jr., and he, by the aid of the Urim and Thummim, translated the record from the plates into the English language. This is the most ancient, the most accurate and reliable history of America, its ancient inhabitants and its antiquities, that is now extant; and has since been translated from the English into the French, German, Italian, Danish, Swedish, Welsh, Kanaka, Hindostanee, Checho-Slovakia, Dutch, Spanish, Hebrew, Greek, Japanese, Samoan and Tahitian. It has also been printed and published in all those languages except Hindostanee, Hebrew and Greek.

The World of Spirits.

"Hades, the Greek, or Shaole, the Hebrew: these two significations mean a world of spirits. Hades, Shaole, paradise, spirits in prison, are all one: it is a world of spirits.

"The righteous and the wicked all go to the same world of spirits until the resurrection. The great misery of departed spirits in the world of spirits, where they go after death, is to know that they come short of the glory that others enjoy and that they might have enjoyed themselves, and they are their own accusers."—JOSEPH SMITH.

Apostasy, The Sign of

I will give you one of the keys of the mysteries of the kingdom. It is an eternal principle, that has existed with God from all eternity: That man (or woman inserted by editor) who rises up to condemn others, finding fault with the Church, saying that they are out of the way while he himself in righteous, then know assuredly, that that man is in the high road to apostasy, and if he does not repent, will apostatize as God lives.—Joseph Smith, H. of C., Vol. 3, p. 385;

FRIEND.—Have you ever desired to be baptised by immersion, like the Master was, and by a properly appointed servant of God?

If you have been baptised, was it done by a man who held Divine Authority?

Did you ever question the authority of the man who baptised you?

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints urgently suggests investigation into these serious questions by you and for your own good. Its ministers and officers have Divine Authority and they earnestly invite investigation into this claim.

God the Father and Jesus Christ His Son appeared to Joseph Smith in 1820, in reality through a great vision and opened the last dispensation of the fullness of times, for the restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

John the Baptist, Peter, James and John restored their Divine Authority to the earth personally and by the actual laying on of their hands upon the heads of Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery in 1829, under direction of Jesus Christ.

Moses, Elias and Elijah and others have appeared to Joseph Smith and given to earth, through him the necessary authority, for the gathering of Israel, baptism for the dead, etc.—D.

AN ARAB SAYING.

Remember, three things come not back :
 The arrow sent upon its track—
 It will not swerve, it will not stay
 Its speed; it flies to wound or slay.
 The spoken word so soon forgot
 By thee; yet it has perished not :
 In other hearts 'tis living still,
 And doing work for good or ill.
 And the lost opportunity
 That cometh back no more to thee ;
 In vain thou weapest, in vain dost yearn,
 These three will never more return.

—Selected.

GOOD SAYINGS.

Have holidays of the kind that you will
 not later be ashamed of them

The kind of a time some people call
 a good time, is a time when they haven't
 time to be good.

MISSION NEWS.**CAPE DISTRICT.**

Elder Stanford G. Smith, District President,
"Cumorah," Main Road, Mowbray.

Meetings held at above address, Sundays,
 10-30 a.m. and 7-0 p.m.; Mutual, Tuesdays,
 7-30 p.m.; Relief Society and Priesthood
 Meeting, Thursdays, 7-45 p.m.

With the recommencement of the Mutual Improvement Association under new officers, and the Priesthood and Relief Society, the Mowbray Branch offers abundant activity and a cordial invitation of attendance to its members and friends, whether they be men or women, young or old. The reorganisation of branch officers has also added impetus to the growing activity of the Mowbray Branch. The former officers were released with a unanimous vote of thanks for their faithful assistance in the Branch government, and the following new officers were sustained with equal enthusiasm: Elder Wayne D. Strong, as the Branch President; with Bros. Walter Park and Louis J. Swart for counsellors; Bro. Alvin F. Park was reinstated as branch clerk; Bro. T. Y. Wilson, the Mission Sunday School Supervisor, was sustained as

Superintendent of the Mowbray Sunday School, with Bros. E. E. Seeman and J. C. Wannenberg for his assistants; Sister Agnes Wilson was reinstated as Sunday School Secretary; Elder Marcus F. Smith was sustained as President of the Y.M.M.I.A., with Bro. James Vigus for his counsellor; Sister Geneve J. Dalton was sustained as President of the Y.L.M.I.A., with Sister Angeline Fourie for her counsellor; Sister Matilda de la Fontein was sustained as the Secretary of M.I.A.

On 13th February, 1934, a charming M.I.A. social was held. Its purpose was to officially open the 1934 session of the M.I.A. and incite more interest in this growing organisation, which it very effectively did. Elder M. F. Smith has opened two new avenues of interest in this organisation, viz., a debating society and a dramatic society, which were organised on 20th February, 1934. These two auxiliaries to the M.I.A. will tend to improve the finer senses and intellects of the young men and women participants.

Cape District offers a hearty welcome to five new members who were received into its ranks this month. Brother William Victor Sleater was baptised by Elder S. G. Smith, and Sister Hester Sophia Coetzee Sleater was baptised by Elder John J. Bates. They were confirmed by President Dalton and Elder M. P. Woolley respectively. Their two children were blessed by President Dalton and Elder S. G. Smith. The infant son of Bro. Bertram Philips and Sister Eileen Jakins Philips, of Parow Branch, was blessed by President Dalton, 18th February.

Little George Edward Dalton is an inmate of the Rondebosch-Mowbray Hospital where he is recovering from an accident on 16th February, in which he broke his left arm when he fell from a tree at Cumorah. The arm was severely fractured above the elbow, and the elbow bone was wrenched from the socket and contorted into a hideous shape, but because of the young, but remarkable faith in this sweet little boy, we feel that his recovery will be swift and complete.

Interest in Mormonism was created among many fine people in Eerste River recently when President Dalton and Elder W. D. Strong gave a lantern lecture at the home of Brother and Sister Wakeford.

NATAL DISTRICT.

Elder Willard H. Godfrey, District President.

Meetings held at Perla Siedel Studio, Buchanan Building, West and Russel Street. Sunday School 2-30 p.m.; Evening Service, 7-30 p.m. Priesthood and Relief Society Meetings, Wednesdays, 7-30 p.m.

Much honour is due to Brother George A. Dunbar for his integrity and faithfulness in taking to his fellowmen the message of life and salvation. He was most instrumental, during the membership contest, in bringing to Natal the honour of first place. By his work Brother and Sister van Eck, Brother and Sister Rose, Sheilla Rose, Neville Rose and Sister Ver Mullen were led to the truthfulness of the Gospel.

Members and friends of the Natal District along with Elder Godfrey extend to Elder W. O. Tayson a hearty welcome into their midst. May his labours be long, sweet and filled with success in touching the hearts of many people with the message he has for them.

Study evenings are being held in the following homes: Sister Mary E. Phillips, Brother H. J. Trestrail and Brother C. A. Smith, Jr.

Sister Phillips and daughter, Violet, entrained at Durban for Cape Town on 31st January. Their departure necessitates the release of Sister Violet Phillips as organist. We wish to thank her for her help in making our meetings more interesting by way of inspirational music.

We are sorry to report the illness of Brother C. A. Smith, Sr., of Briardene. Brother Smith stated that he fully believed in the divine command, "Honour thy Father and thy Mother that thy days may be long upon the earth." This, he states, he did as long as he

TRANSVAAL DISTRICT.

**Elder A. E. Clarkson, District President,
395 Commissioner St., Johannesburg.**

Meetings held at above address, Thursday, 8 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; and Sunday, 10-30 a.m. and 7-30 p.m.

Meetings are being held regularly in all of the Branches. A Mutual has been organised in the Pretoria Branch and will prosper and grow inasmuch as capable hands are taking it over. It was begun with a social and a good crowd was in attendance, all expressing the desire to attend the Mutual Organisation.

The Ramah Branch of Johannesburg is not progressing as well as was first expected, but with constant effort on the part of the Saints the Branch is sure to increase and grow to be one of the largest in the Mission.

Johannesburg has a decided asset in that Bro. and Sister Stark, of Port Elizabeth, have come here to make their home. They were indefatigable workers in the Port Elizabeth District and will be expected to diffuse their spirit of faithfulness to the members of this District.

Port Elizabeth has had another representative in Johannesburg. Mr. McWilliams, who is a faithful friend of that District, has been a visitor here where he attended and enjoyed meetings in this Branch.

WATERVAL BRANCH.

Reports come from Waterval Branch, Transvaal District, that all is well there and that every Auxiliary is fully officered. The Branch Presidency report that each officer as been properly set apart and there appears to be a happy spirit prevailing in the Branch. It is a joy to know that people will labour diligently in the cause of the Master. The following are the names of the officers:—

Branch Presidency:

Bro. Johannes P. Brummer, President.

Bro. W. H. Brummer, 1st Counsellor.

Bro. Andries, G. Brummer, 2nd Counsellor.

Branch Clerk: Elizabeth L. Brummer, Jr.

Asst. Clerk: Johannes E. Brummer.
Organist: Cecilia H. Brummer.

Chorister: Johannes P. Brummer.

Sunday School:

Bro. Johannes P. Brummer, Superintendent.

Bro. Alfred McKnight, 1st Assistant.

Bro. Piet Potgieter, 2nd Assistant.

Sister Elizabeth L. Brummer, Secretary.

Mutual Improvement Association:

Young Men:

Bro. Andries C. Brummer, President.

Bro. Louis E. Joubert, 1st Counsellor.

Bro. Joseph S. Joubert, 2nd Counsellor.

Young Ladies:

Sister Cecilia H. Brummer, President.

Sister Aletta W. Potgieter, 1st Counsellor.

Sister Maria M. Joubert, Jr., 2nd Counsellor.

Joint Secretary: Bro. Johannes E. Brummer.

Relief Society:

Sister Elizabeth L. Brummer, Sr., President.

Sister Maria M. Joubert, Sr., 1st Counsellor.

Sister Aletta J. Brummer, 2nd Counsellor.

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